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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: KOCIMSKI, STANISLAW M.

Group Art Unit: 8617

Serial No.: 09/871,287

Examiner: Bryan Bui

Filed: May 31, 2001

Title: METHOD OF CHARACTERIZING A SEMICONDUCTOR SURFACE

Atty. Docket: 528.015

RESPONSE

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P O Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the December 18, 2003, Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of the paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.

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